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RELATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE

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1. ON MAY 16, DISCUSSED WITH SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUL GENERAL
KOTZE THE FUTURE RELATIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT WITH THE GOVERN-
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MENT OF MOZAMBIQUE UPON INDEPENDENCE JUNE 25. KOTZE TOLD ME

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SAG DID NOT INTEND TO RAISE MATTER OF RECOGNITION AND DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS WITH FRELIMO LEADERS IN DAR ES SALAAM, AS
SUGGESTED BY PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC ADVISER (REFTEL). IN REPLY
TO MY PROBING, HE SAID HE THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SEND
SOME SORT OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE RECOGNIZING THE NEW
STATE OF MOZAMBIQUE AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE. HE DOUBTED
THE MESSAGE WOULD BROACH THE QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS,
AS THIS WOULD INVITE A REBUFF.

2. KOTZE STATED THAT PLANS FOR MOVING THE SAG CONSULATE
GENERAL OFFICE FROM ITS PRESENT UNDESIRABLE DOWNTOWN LOCATION
HAD BEEN UNDER WAY SINCE AT LEAST DECEMBER. SAG PLANNED TO
CONVERT PRESENT CONGEN RESIDENCE INTO CONSULAR SECTION (WITH
GREATLY IMPROVED SECURITY) AND HAD ALREADY LEASED THREE
FLOORS OF MODERN APARTMENT BUILDING ALSO IN UPTOWN RESI-
DENTIAL AREA. I ASKED KOTZE WHETHER SPENDING ALL THIS MONEY
DID NOT MEAN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN SOME
SORT OF DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR RELATIONS. RE REPLIED, "NOT
NECESSARILY", EXPLAINING THAT TO HAVE STOPPED THE MOVE AT
THIS JUNCTURE WOULD HAVE SIGNIFIED THAT THE SAG EXPECTED THAT
RELATIONS WOULD BE RUPTURED. THEREFORE, THEY HAD NO CHOICE
BUT TO GO AHEAD WITH MOVE. IN FACT, HE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT FRELIMO WOULD DO RE FUTURE RELATIONS. HE THOUGHT,
HOWEVER, THAT THE BEST SAG COULD EXPECT WAS CONTINUATION OF
SOME SORT OF CONSULAR/TRADE OFFICE, OR POSSIBLY TRADE MISSION
ALSO PERFORMING CONSULAR FUNCTIONS. HE FULLY EXPECTED SOME
SORT OF RHETORIC FROM FRELIMO REJECTING ANY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH SAG.

3. RE STATUS OF BORDER, KOTZE SAID SAG HAD NO REPEAT NO PLANS
TO CLOSE BORDER PRIOR TO OR DURING INDEPENDENCE AND WAS
EMBARRASSED BY RUMORS TO THIS EFFECT. HE THOUGHT IT QUITE
POSSIBLE THAT FRELIMO MIGHT CLOSE ITS SIDE OF THE BORDER
DURING INDEPENDENCE PERIOD, BUT DOUBTED THEY WOULD CLOSE THE
BORDER PERMANENTLY FOR OBVIOUS REASONS OF TRANSPORTATION,
TRADE, MIGRANT LABOR, ETC. HE TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT SAG
HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO CONSTRUCT FENCING ALONG ENTIRE BORDER
AT AN UNSPECIFIED DEPTH INSIDE THEIR TERRITORY. HE CLAIMED
THIS WAS TO KEEP ANIMALS, DISEASES, ETC., OUT BUT WHEN I SAID
THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN KEEPING OTHER TYPES OF "ANIMALS"
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FROM ENTERING OR EXITING MOZAMBIQUE, HE LAUGHED AND NODDED
ASSENT. (NOTE: COMMON BORDER IS ABOUT 460 KM, OF WHICH ROUGHLY
200 KM ARE WITH KRUGER NATIONAL PARK.)
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